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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2018-50 CASE # 18-MC-22094

In re: JEREMY WILLIAM ALTERS Florida Bar # 111790

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

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The Supreme Court of Florida has entered an Order of Suspension dated May 21, 2018, suspending Jeremy William Alters from the practice of law. *See The Florida Bar v. Alters*, No. SC14-100, 2018 WL 2304233 (Fla. May 21, 2018). The suspension was predicated on the Report of Referee, the briefs filed by the parties, and the issues presented at oral argument. The Clerk served attorney Alters by certified mail with an Order to Show Cause why this Court should not impose the same discipline, accompanied by the Supreme Court of Florida's Order of Suspension. On June 28, 2018, Alters filed a Response to Order to Show Cause, requesting this Court to "reserve ruling on his suspension until such time as the Supreme Court of Florida issues its final opinion."

Alters is suspended from The Florida Bar, which provides sufficient grounds for reciprocal discipline. An attorney cannot practice before this Court if that attorney is not currently an active attorney in good standing with The Florida Bar. *See* Rule 3 of the Rules Governing the Admission, Practice, Peer Review, and Discipline of Attorneys, Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (hereinafter Discipline Rules). Although reciprocal discipline may be delayed where state proceedings are stayed, *see* Disciplinary Rule 8(c), that is not the case here. If the Florida Bar's suspension is lifted in the future, Alters may move to have this reciprocal suspension lifted as well.

Discipline Rule 8(a), requires that "[a]n attorney admitted to practice before this Court shall, upon being subjected to reprimand, suspension, or disbarment . . . shall promptly inform the Clerk of the Court of such action." Rule 8(d) provides in pertinent part that after expiration of the time for submitting a response to an Order to Show Cause, "the Court may impose the identical discipline or may impose any other sanction the Court may deem appropriate." Given this background, pursuant to Rule 8(a) and (d) and the Court's inherent power to regulate membership in its bar for the protection of the public interest, *see Chambers v. NASCO, Inc.*, 501 U.S. 32, 43 (1991) ("[A] federal court has the power to control admission to its bar and to discipline attorneys who appear before it."),

IT IS ORDERED that said attorney be suspended from practice in this Court, effective immediately. The attorney may not resume the practice of law before this Court until reinstated by order of this Court. *See* Rule 12(a). The Clerk of Court shall strike this attorney from the roll of attorneys eligible to practice in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida and shall also immediately revoke the attorney's CM/ECF password.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that said attorney advise the Clerk of Court of all pending cases before this Court in which he is counsel or co-counsel of record.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED by this Court that the Clerk of Court attempt to serve by certified mail a copy of this Order of Suspension upon the attorney at his court record and Florida Bar address.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Miami, Miami-Dade County, Florida, this <u>19th</u> day of July, 2018.

K. MICHAEL MOORE CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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